

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
848 Washington Ave
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2017
May 16, 2017
Schedule Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Beverly Jordan, MD, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm on May 16, 2017.

Joint Committee members present:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Melissa Hatter, CNM, MSN, RN
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
John S. Meigs Jr., MD
Dick Owens, MD (arrived at 6:11 pm, left at 7:07 pm, returned at 7:12 pm)

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:
Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant
Peggy Benson, RN, MSHA, MSN, NE-BC, Executive Officer (left at 6:25 pm)

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant (left at 7:10 pm, returned at 7:14 pm)

Joint Committee Visitors

Allyson Hill, PA-C, Assistant Director Advanced Practice Providers, APP Credentialing Chair

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prior notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On May 16, 2017, Ms. Hatter moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented with the addition of 6 A Definitions. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On May 16, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of March 14, 2017 as presented. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Definitions

Ms. Daniel presented the new grid the Alabama Board of Nursing will use during application review to determine whether it is a typical practice or an atypical practice. The new grid notes that the practice model and planned delivery of care should drive the collaboration approval not time and distance.

Dr. Jordan posed the question related to approval being limited to the model submitted therefore it would not be full CP approval. She noted that there needed to be a way to inform the applicants of the limitations.

Ms. Benson stated that any special circumstance application will receive the temporary approval letter with additional comments at the bottom recognizing the medical model that was submitted and clarifying the practice to which the applicant is limited. Any further changes would require an additional application.

On May 16, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as Information

B. Laryngoscopy-Stroboscopy Skill History

Approve flexible nasopharyngoscopy and laryngoscopy as being within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner with documented education, training and experience.

At the March 14, 2017 meeting the Joint Committee deferred approval of Courtney Serio, RN 1-105959 with Randall Real, MD13562 to perform Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy and Laryngoscopy until the next available meeting.

In August, 2015, the BME approved laryngoscopy with stroboscopy, not extended below the vocal cords, for CRNPs in the UAB ENT department. Each CRNP in the ENT department makes individual application for approval to perform the procedure before starting supervised practice.

Dr. Meigs brought forth that previous approval for this procedure was granted for a specific trained NP with a specific attending in a specific department at a specific hospital in the state. He continued by stating the board does not feel that diagnostic Laryngoscopy is within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner.

Ms. Hatter asked for clarification that diagnostics is the main concern when considering approval for diagnostic Laryngoscopy to be performed by a nurse practitioner and Dr. Meigs concurred.

On May 16, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

C. CRNP and CNM Additional Skills

The procedures listed have been reviewed by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, as defined in ABN Administrative Code 610-X-5-.11 for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, and 610-X-5-.22 for Certified Nurse Midwives.

Ms. Daniel presented an updated skill listing which had been lined up with the consensus model.

Further discussion amongst the Joint Committee resulted in changes to nasal endoscopy, removal of Needle Insertion/Transtracheal Jet Insufflations and consideration of updating the Legend.

On May 16, 2017, Ms. Hatter moved that Joint Committee defer to the next available meeting until further information can be obtained and discussed changes are made. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Research Biospecimen Collections

Determine whether percutaneous needle biopsy is within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner with documented education, training and experience.

Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) approved the practice model for collection of biospecimens via percutaneous needle biopsies at their meeting on February 15, 2017, and required submission of a Quality Assurance Report every six months.

On May 16, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that Joint Committee determine percutaneous needle biopsy is within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner with documented education, training and experience. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection. Dr. Meigs, made addendum to motion that this is solely for those trained by Dr. Windham for his grant at UAB that ends in 2022.

B. Critical Care Skills Consolidation

Approve consolidation of middle-level and advanced-level critical care protocols into a single critical care protocol for Advanced Practice Nurses, as recommended by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners. The new proposal will allow practitioners to request skills that may be needed in their area of practice without having to be certified for skills they do not need to perform in their daily duties.

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Ms. Ward presented a new Critical Care Skills Request that took away the tiered approach and will require each skill to be requested individually.

Ms. Ward brought forth concern regarding the lack of a time frame allowed for initial training to be completed and documentation of training submitted.

Dr. Meigs recommended that there be notation in the approval letter stating that the approval to train automatically expires at the end of two years, from the date of approval, if documentation of supervised practice has not been submitted. At that time, they must reapply for approval to train.

On May 16, 2017, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve consolidation of mid-level and advanced-level critical care protocols with the addendum that approval to train automatically expires as the end of two years, from the date of approval, if documentation of supervised practice has not been submitted. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. CNM Appointment to Joint Committee

The Alabama Board of Nursing appointed Sheila M. Lopez to serve on the Joint Committee for APN as the designated Certified Nurse Midwife to fill the unexpired term on Melissa Hatter, CNM. Term ends September 30, 2017.

On May 16, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by April 21, 2017 for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of April 21, 2017, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on the roster)

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
03/07/2017-04/20/2017	Meagan Gusmus	1-126301	Filomeno Gapultos	MD8801
03/28/2017-04/20/2017	Nail, Lee	1-040173	Hankins, Jerry	MD17795

On May 16, 2017 Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include remote site locations without a covering physician and requests for additional skills.

1. Items 1-1 thru 63-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians.

Item 59-1 Ashley Wagner, CRNP 1-141241 with John MacLennan, MD8193 Joint Committee recommended approval of the collaboration excluding the covering physician.

On May 16, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians Items 1-1 thru 63-1 as listed on the roster, excluding items(s):8A, which were terminated and Item 59-1 as indicated. Ms. Hatter seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Item 64-2, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On May 16, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Item 64-2 as listed on the roster. Ms. Daniel seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 65-3 thru 69-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

Item 69-3 Courtney Serio, RN 1-105959 with Randall Real, MD13562 Joint Committee recommended denial of requested additional skill, "Flexible Fiberoptic Diagnostic Laryngoscopy".

On May 16, 2017, Ms. Hatter moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, as listed on the roster, excluding Item 69-3 as indicated. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

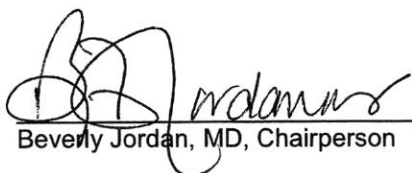
9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Nursing located on 770 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.


11. ADJOURNMENT

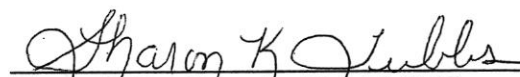
Dr. Meigs moved for adjournment. Dr. Baker seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm on May 16, 2017.


Beverly Jordan, MD, Chairperson

7.18.17
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing


Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, May 16, 2017
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